



Fighting Harada - looking forward to his return in 2021!

## From the Stable

A great majority of our horses currently spelling and a frustrating run of minor placings have been the theme since our previous newsletter where we had secured wins with **FROM THE STARS**, **ZENDE** and achieved a **GROUP 3** win with **IMMORTAL LOVE**. **FROM THE STARS** kicked off in style at Ballarat with a determined win coming from well back to score narrowly but impressively at Ballarat on the synthetic, however her prep became very messy drawing wide on nearly every occasion and was scratched on multiple occasions. Consequently her runs became very well-spaced however she ran most consistently when she was ridden well before her prep concluded with a flat Terang run 9th December. This mare is most suited to rain affected going and we couldn't quite get those conditions this time, however with her spelling now I am sure we will get suitable conditions when she resumes racing around May next year. From 7 starts this prep **FROM THE STARS** achieved 1 win, 1 second and 2 thirds to take her overall prize money to \$56,940 and we believe is a better horse than her current 62 rating would indicate.

**ZENDE** concluded his most recent spell late October and this gelded son of Brazen Beau also achieved the same results as **FROM THE STARS** with 1 win, 1 second and 2 thirds from 6 runs before training off at his last start at Bendigo late October. Another horse that excels on rain affected going, **ZENDE** will miss the Summer racing months of Jan, Feb and March before resuming around April. He is a 4YO that has constantly shown ability and all he needs is a wet track and should he get that from April onwards where he will certainly improve on his current record of 9 starts for 2 wins, 2 seconds and 2 thirds for \$92,335 in stakes! **IMMORTAL LOVE** is just about ready to resume

pre training early next month after a great last campaign where he won his first 3 races including the **GROUP 3** McNeill Stakes at Caulfield before jarring up badly in the **LISTED** Exford Plate at his subsequent run at Flemington. He has been given a lovely 3 month spell where he has thrived and will hopefully return better than ever for the Autumn where we have our fingers crossed for a wet Autumn and will no doubt head up to Sydney should that be the case. He is a superior wet tracker and those conditions are all this guy needs to be competitive at the top level. His record currently stands at 4 runs for 3 wins and \$163,138 in prize money earned to date!

A mare that the stable has a lot of time for is the Mrs consistency of our stable in **MISS DAMITA**. She resumed at Moonee Valley Friday 11th December with a most unlucky 2nd where arguably she should have won. Held up for 200 metres just prior to the turn jockey Liam Riordan could not extricate out into clear running at the right time but once clear she powered to the line flashing home for second behind the eventual winner Lady Day. **MISS DAMITA** will no doubt be a lovely broodmare for her Syndicate when retired as she is just a lovely correct mare with a fabulous demeanour. She never runs a bad race as her record of 23 starts for 4 wins, 4 seconds, 5 thirds and 2 fourths for \$103,980 in stakes would indicate. She does look set for a great prep and will only get better as she rises in trip. Her next run is expected to be later on this month on New Year's eve 31st December at Warrnambool and run in the \$50,000 Woodford Cup over 1700 metres where she will run very well. She is a



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mare who has absolutely thrived down at Mick's Warrnambool training facility under the guidance of Matthew Williams who has done a superb job with her and can be followed with confidence heading into the New Year!

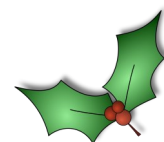
**UNDOUBTEDLY SO, BELLA AMORE, RUBRICA, BRING ME FLOWERS** and **JOURNALESE** are all part of our spelling brigade and will not be resuming pre training until next year. The first of this group most likely to be resuming pre training will be **BRING ME FLOWERS** our Magic Millions Sebring filly purchase earlier this year. This filly has been in and out of Caulfield a couple of times almost getting to the trial stage at her latest efforts back in October before immaturity issues (shin soreness) came into play. She had a quiet little educational jump out at Caulfield before going sore and showed a nice turn of foot in that before spelling and has an outstanding demeanour and attitude about her. Her full brother Mondena who is a 4YO trained by Toby Edmonds on the Gold Coast was a last start 2450 metre winner so this filly looks like a staying type based on the information that we have to date and a bit of patience may be required for this filly, however having said that she would at least be expected to get to the trial stage next time around. Both **UNDOUBTEDLY SO** and **BELLA AMORE** should not be far behind **BRING ME FLOWERS** and will also resume pre training next month. **BELLA AMORE** did not come up in the Spring and was most disappointing after a previously promising prep where she was a Metropolitan winner at Sandown and desperately unlucky at Flemington at her subsequent run when finishing a very close second. She has been given a lovely spell on Micks recommendation where he

advised that some mares simply do not come up in the Spring so it will be interesting to see how she presents in the Autumn. **UNDOUBTEDLY SO** is an absolute wet tracker and raced most consistently when presented with those conditions except for her last start at Ararat when needing a spell. She will be back racing around April/May before an anticipated broodmare career commences later next year and this is where her value lies most for her Syndicate as a commercial broodmare, being a half sister to our Metropolitan winning and three time **GROUP 3** placed **ROYAL SNITZEL**. **RUBRICA** became a frustration when ready to trial as he had shown nice ability but again immaturity prevented him from training on. This 3YO son of Rubick has shown enough to warrant optimism for his Syndicate, however will have to wait until early/mid-February before he resumes. We have played a conservative game with him regarding his rehab and have allowed nature to look after him with a bit of time which I am sure he will appreciate. **JOURNALESE** continues to rehab after a long term injury which caused Mick to spell her some 4 months ago. She has thrived, grown and thickened physically, so time has certainly been her friend however that friendship needs to be for at least a few months yet and again her rehab like **RUBRICA** will be very conservative. She is doing very well however the Syndicate will need to exercise continued patience as her condition cannot be rushed. Should that patience be exercised she has an excellent chance of a full recovery and a successful return to the race track!

On a positive note **SCORPIUS** and **FIGHTING HARADA** are both in pre training and both horses are flying. **FIGHTING HARADA** who has not raced for over 2 years now is one of those horses that a Syndicate have shown outstanding faith and patience with and I just hope that the patience is rewarded for a wonderful group of



Miss Damita-Mortlake Cup winner and a horse to follow heading into the New Year!



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GROUP 3 McNeil Stakes Winner Immortal Love resumes work  
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people. What can go wrong has gone wrong and there have been times where I have seriously considered pulling the plug however that temptation has been resisted. In particular, the enthusiasm that this horse has displayed when Matthew Williams has shown any inkling to commence work with him has indicated that **FIGHTING HARADA** wants to race and as we currently stand is only about 3 weeks away from the trial stage. He is a stunning animal with terrific ability and if he can get back to anywhere near his best he will be a competitive beast when he resumes. Look out in 2021 for **FIGHTING HARADA** which we hope is a better year for him and a better year for us all where I am sure everyone will agree that 2020 has been a shocker of a year! **SCORPIUS** is another horse that is currently flying at Warrnambool after a few weeks of pretraining and we are eagerly looking forward to his re-appearance in the New Year. Another

horse that had a messy last prep and was winless after such a promising first up run at Mornington when desperately unlucky finishing second, the stable considers **SCORPIUS** a much better horse than his 66 rating would suggest, and we hope that he can get back to the form and promise that he showed as a younger horse.

Two young horses that we look forward to breaking in next month are our homebred Fighting Sun/ Liberty Made Filly and our Capitalist/Loveyamadly filly. Both horses are up at John Ledgers Adrian Park, growing out and are doing well. Both fillies have had their fair share of education during the year as is the Mick Price way of having horses accustomed to being handled, rugged and walked. Both fillies have handled this well and I look forward to their progression towards the race track in 2021!

## COVID Thoughts

Little has changed on the racing scene since my September newsletter and for now I continue to strongly recommend that owners wait before attending to watch their runners race until Racing Victoria can offer a more inclusive ownership experience than what is currently being offered. I am personally at a loss as to why racing hasn't opened up further since the obvious containment of Covid 19 in Melbourne over the past 6 weeks and for me, little can be gained for owners who simply come to the track, watch their race and then being asked to leave. That makes little sense to me as I am desperate for my owners to return to that track and to experience ownership as we currently knew it. I personally, am **STILL** unable to attend trackwork and report information as I historically could and this has also created great frustration for myself. I will provide a further update to everyone when there is some movement on this front but needless to say that owners and participants right now are feeling a level of frustration greater to that of when we were in actual lockdown! All I can say is watch this space and trust common sense prevails!

**PS As I was literally putting together these thoughts, Flemington (VRC) have just advised that permission has been granted by the State Government to allow from this Saturday Dec 19 and all through Summer and beyond up to 5000 guests will be allowed on track in a Covid safe environment and 50 owners per race will no longer have time restrictions and can stay and enjoy the entire race day from Saintly Place. Pleasing to see this progression however no further good news to owners re their ability to see their horse pre-race OR mingle in the mounting yard with trainers and jockeys. Stay tuned for further updates!**



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## Sales 2021

One extremely positive move has been to open up borders and as it stands we are now permitted to travel to the Gold Coast next month for the first sale of the year and all is in readiness for us to approach the sales with positivity and to find that next good horse. The Magic Millions catalogue for 2021 is an absolute stand out and credit to them for putting together such a great catalogue. Two stand out first season stallions in **RUSSIAN REVOLUTION** and **MERCHANT NAVY** are high on Mick's and my list and there are outstanding lots on pedigree by such stallions by **CAPITALIST** (who has really hit the ground running with the impressive Profiteer who won at Flemington Sat 13th Dec and his already two Stakes horses in Marine One and Forbes), **DEEP FIELD, DUNDEEL, LONHRO, NOT A SINGLE DOUBT, PIERRO, RUBICK, SEBRING, SO YOU THINK, WRITTEN TYCOON** and **ZOUSTAR** but to name a few. This sale whilst always difficult, may next year place buyers in a more advantageous position as it is a larger catalogue than normal with the added advantage to us the buyer, of the overseas interest not be prevalent due to travel restrictions. Any member that wishes to place themselves on the list which is currently being put together for inclusion in our first Syndicate of 2021 (which I hope to be a Magic Millions yearling) is advised to please shoot me an email or give me a call and I will be more than happy to discuss your % interest and to give you first option of involvement when the first purchase has been made!

## Broodmares

**LOVEYAMADLY** - Confirmed in foal to **SO YOU THINK**.  
**LIBERTY MADE** - Confirmed in foal to **MAGNUS**.  
**EXFLYTATIONS** - Confirmed in foal to **TORONADO**.

## Christmas Wishes

With Christmas now upon us I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all members and respective families a very Merry Xmas and safe New Year and a big thanks for all of the support throughout what has been a very tough year for us all. We cannot provide the service or gain the success without the support of people who form our syndicates and Lauren and I truly value this support and the long time loyalty of our members who continue to support us. I am committed to working as hard as ever, as is Mick and now Michael Kent who has brought a great deal of youthful enthusiasm to the team, and both have committed themselves to continue the journey into 2021 and beyond and who are excited to be transitioning to their new stable complex at Cranbourne which is currently being built on their behalf. Cranbourne is fast becoming a training center of excellence and I certainly look forward in transitioning on this journey with them over the next 6-9 months!



Merry Christmas  
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